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THE CATAMOUNT FLYER

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President Kathryn Brailer sends greetings to alumni.

I cannot begin to tell you how excited I am with the efforts of your fellow alumni. I have really enjoyed meeting many of you and hearing the wonderful stories about your experiences at PSC.

It's an exciting time here on the campus with many new happenings in technology such as the process of installing the fiber optic backbone. Remember the long lines at registration? In the near future, registration will be handled via internet. The next time you are browsing the internet, look up Potomac State College at **http://wvnvaxa.wvnet.edu/~pscweb** (there's an alumni page, too!).

In the world of sports, baseball, once again, achieves a fine winning season. Co-ed golf had been added to our list of intercollegiate athletics for 1997 (and a very successful first season at that), and women's softball begins as a sport during the 1997-98 academic year.

During recent months, many outstanding musicals and drama productions have been offered by PSC. "Jesus Christ Superstar" became one of the most acclaimed productions of the season.

Besides serving PSC as president, I am also a faculty member teaching a course in Russian Literature. Interacting with the students keeps me in closer touch with students' viewpoints and campus concerns.

Even closer ties are on the horizon for PSC and WVU through technology in the joining of the Potomac State and West Virginia University library collections. Our students will be able to use the WVU library resources and information data bases via the fiber optic connections and internet.

Commencement was held May 3 with approximately 125 graduates receiving Associate of Arts or Associate of Applied Science degrees; some 80% will be transferring to other colleges or universities to complete their bachelor's degree. Approximately 1,100 students are currently enrolled at the college.

The Alumni Association has a great many interesting plans in the works; I hope you will be an active participant. Next time you are in the area, stop by Potomac State. I would enjoy meeting you and having the opportunity to talk about one of my favorite subjects **- your alma mater.**

HOMECOMING

October 11-12, 1997

SATURDAY

Welcome & Coffee Hour *Student Union*	9:00-11:30am
Brunch at the President's House *Anniversary Classes of '47 & '72*	11am-1pm
Blue & Gold Luncheon	11am-1:30pm
Football Game ~ *Stayman Field* PSC vs. Montgomery College	1:30pm
Halftime - Crowning of Queen & King Recognition of '47 Football Team	
Social Hour ~ *D. G. Lough Gym*	6:00pm
Homecoming Banquet ~ *Gym*	7:00pm
Homecoming Dance ~ *Gym*	9:30pm-12am

SUNDAY

Bon Voyage Breakfast *Merryray Restaurant, 115 N. Main St.*	7:30-10am

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What's This?

THIS is ***The Catamount Flyer*** -- created out of a need to keep alumni more informed about their alma mater, and on a more frequent basis. ***The Catamount Flyer*** will be published in May and November; the traditional Alumni Newsletter will continue to be distributed in mid-summer. Serving as editor of the ***The Catamount Flyer*** is alumnus, Linda (Gardner) Hicks '69 and is assisted by John Bord '71. Linda is on the Board of Directors of the PSC Alumni Association, and resides in Buckhannon, WV, where she is Assistant to the President of WV Wesleyan College. John is the Assistant Prosecuting Attorney for Taylor County, lives in Grafton, WV and serves on the PSC Foundation Board. Both alumni pursued careers relating to their majors at Potomac State.

The Catamount Flyer is created, designed and produced by alumni and made possible by your dues and generous donations to the Alumni Association.

EARLY 50's GROUP GET~TOGETHER!
Friday, Oct. 10, 1997
SAMSON'S RESTAURANT
Rt. 220 S. *(former Blue Jay)*
Cocktails 6:30 pm; Dinner 7:00 pm
For reservations, call
Pat Hovis at (304) 788-4065

"Horse" Lough - Preserving THE Legend

The late Coach Dana G. "Horse" Lough continues to be one of the most talked about - and loved - individuals to have shaped Potomac State. We want these memorable stories to continue their legacy, not just in conversation, but in print as well. If you have a story to be shared, jot it down (a paragraph, a few sentences, or maybe even a brief description of the "Horse"), and mail it to Linda Hicks, Route 2, Box 168-A, Buckhannon, WV 26201. No literary talent needed; just your recollection, and we'll take care of the rest. This information is needed no later than July 1. Be sure to look for the booklet at Homecoming '97 in October. Take a few moments now and help us preserve THE legend for the future.

"It's so good to see you again!!!"

Your Potomac State Alumni Association is reaching out its hand and saying, "Welcome back!" This past November, our first Alumni Reception was held in Clarksburg, WV, and with spring's arrival, Morgantown hosted us in April. What great evenings! Alumni classes ranging from '33 to '96 reminisced, laughed, hugged, told stories, and were simply reacquainted. Two individuals had been neighbors and didn't even know that they were fellow alumni; a former cheerleader and an ROTC sponsor hadn't seen each other since graduation 28 years ago. President Brailer narrated a slide presentation complete with nostalgic campus scenes. No one wanted to leave! Our good-bye message--"Keep in touch!"

Similar receptions are being planned in other key West Virginia cities and their surrounding areas: Martinsburg, Wheeling, Charleston, and Parkersburg; and yes, we do plan to reach out of state, too. Watch for us!

Who, me? Help?

There is a group of alumni in North Central West Virginia who have been getting together to socialize over the past 14 years or so and who have become increasingly active with the college. The group started meeting with President Brailer and other staff personnel about a year ago to see how they, and other alumni like them, could be of assistance to their alma mater.

This group since has served as a pilot program for assisting with the recruitment of prospective students through attendance at college fairs, written and telephone communication with the students, and helping with special recruitment days on campus. Both students and alumni have enjoyed the interaction. President Brailer comments, "It is our hope that we can expand this program and provide this excellent opportunity for other alumni. What better publicity for Potomac State than the working success of its own former students!" Want to help in your area? Contact the Alumni Office.

MACARENA & ELECTRIC SLIDE IN THE GYM?!

Probably, for the first time ever, the Macarena and the Electric Slide were danced in the legendary Lough Gymnasium. At a dance following the Homecoming Banquet last year, Pat (Athey) Rogers'54 and Dan Hinkle'70 took the lead on the dance floor with the Macarena. Many other dance crazes also surfaced as "Windfall" performed songs beginning with the Big Band era of the '40s through jitter-buggin' of the '50s, twistin' in the '60s, and songs like "Proud Mary" from the '70s, "Born in the USA" in the '80s and "Y-M-C-A" revised for the '90s. What a night! (By the way, *President Brailer could have danced all night!*)

DID YOU DO YOUR DUES YET? *Don't forget to pay your alumni dues as it is projects like Homecoming and "The Catamount Flyer" that are supported by your dues and generous donations. Dues are $10.00 for 1997-98 (where husband and wife are alumni, the cost is $15.00). Please make your check payable to the PSC Alumni Association. It's your support that keeps us going, and going, and going . . .*

Name _____ Alumni Spouse _____
Address _____
City, State, Zip _____
Dues: $10.00 _____ (or) $15.00 _____ Additional Alumni Donation$ _____ ***Thank You!***

A Sports Editor's View

Sports Editor John Bord played his freshman year at Potomac State in 1969 under the legendary Horse Lough and was co-captain his sophomore year under first year head coach Cecil R. Perkins. Following PSC, John transferred to Washington and Jefferson College where he was an All-Conference center and captain of the football team and co-captain of the track team. John is currently an attorney in Grafton, WV, and serves as Taylor County's Assistanf Prosecutor. On Friday nights during high school football season you can hear the "Voice of the Bearcats" on WTBZ FM96 in Grafton.

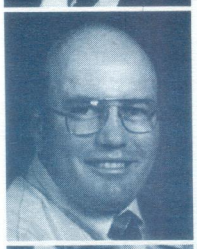
When Linda Hicks and I talked about putting together a newsletter, we both agreed it had to contain a page devoted to Potomac State sports and representative of all athletic programs. There were so many good athletes who made that walk to either the Lough Gym or Stayman Field. You would be surprised at the number of those athletes who became coaches. In just a brief thought from my era, this list includes current coaches Bob Eaton at West Liberty College and Bob Mullett at Concord College, both in the West Virginia College Conference. The S.E.C. shows Rick Trickett at Auburn University. The high school ranks include Reynard Lee at Harrisburg High School (VA), John Kelly at Morgantown High, Frank Clemens at Clay County High, Andy Grogg at Cedar Grove Community, Bill Haddox at Tucker County High School, Mike Hicks at Philip Barbour High, Kelly Day and Steve Delaney at Keyser High School, and Rich Board and Bobby Woods at Grafton.

In each issue of *The Catamount Flyer*, I hope to showcase a team from the days gone by. If you have stories about a team from the past that you played on, please send it to me, John Bord, P.O. Box 630, Grafton, WV 26354, or fax them to (304) 265-2697, or call me at (304) 265-1494 office, or (304) 265-5778 at home. I look forward to hearing from you.

It is a hope that a future Homecoming event could recognize these coaching accomplishments for the men and women who continue to dedicate themselves to athletics.

CAT PAWS

✦ Three new inductees were honored at the Hall of Fame banquet held May 3 in the Davis Hall Cafeteria. Inductees pictured top to bottom were: Bob Mullett '70 head football coach at Concord College; Mike Hicks '70, head football coach at Philip Barbour High School; and Joseph Bundy '56, professor and head of the Health Science Department at Fairmont State College.



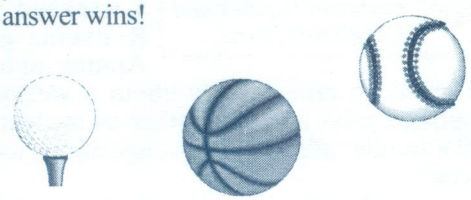
✦ Two new sports have been added to Potomac State's intercollegiate athletic roster. Jack Reynolds, the former baseball and football coach is now the co-ed golf coach. The Alumni Association also voted to help start a women's softball team scheduled to open with the 1997-98 school year. At press time, a coach had not yet been named.

✦ Where are: Glenn Young, former PSC defensive end and all-star catcher on the 1971 baseball team, and Ray Marshall, perhaps Potomac State's best middle linebacker ever, started for the Mountaineers and named the MVP in the Peach Bowl game under Coach Bobby Bowden. "Where are you now?" If you know the whereabouts of these two former Potomac State greats, drop me a line. If you want me to try to locate a former teammate, let me know, too. I'll do my best.

✦ If you have any old programs, jerseys, helmets or sport pictures and would like to donate these to Potomac State, let me know. Help your alma mater recreate a little bit of athletic history and preserve it for those who will play tomorrow.

✦ Although this sports page seems laden with football information, I am certainly interested in highlighting all sports at the College. We are trying very hard to update alumni records. The college is interested in knowing where you played your final two years of any sports after Potomac State. We would like to complete a list for PSC of all alumni--men and women--who played in any of the athletic programs and where you may have continued.

✦ Finally, as I close this edition of "Cat Paws," I will leave you with a challenge. The winner of this challenge will be recognized in the next issue of ***The Catamount Flyer***, and will be issued a free ticket to the Homecoming football game October 11. Here's the question. "At what school did Coach Dana G. Lough begin his coaching career of 42 years?" Fax, write, or call your answer to me (if you've read this whole page, you'll know where to find me). First correct answer wins!



Do You Remember . . .
the date the name Catamount was first used at PSC? (Oct. 23, 1929)

CHAMPIONSHIP FOOTBALL TEAM CELEBRATES 50TH ANNIVERSARY

Under the leadership of alumnus and former assistant football coach Judson Hodges '39, efforts are underway to locate members of the 1947 WV Conference Championship Catamount Football Team. Teammates are invited to return to campus for Homecoming '97 for special recognition at halftime ceremonies of the PSC vs Montgomery contest and at the Homecoming Banquet. If you would like to participate in this event, please contact the PSC Alumni Office at (304) 788-6870.

A Message from Alumni President Mausby (Bill) Rogers '48

This past year has seen many changes take place on campus. There's a renewed sense of energy and challenge. As you can see by the chart beside this letter, PSC alumni are all across the United States and beyond. Unfortunately, over the years we have lost contact with several alumni, but we're trying to change all that.

New activities for the Alumni Association are limited only by imagination. Future thoughts *may* include alumni member discounts on possible group travel to New York City for a weekend via motor coach, a Redskins game traveling by Amtrak, or how about an alumni Caribbean cruise. How about a weekend on campus for spouses who met each other as students? Sound like fun? We're interested in your suggestions, too. Let us hear from you!

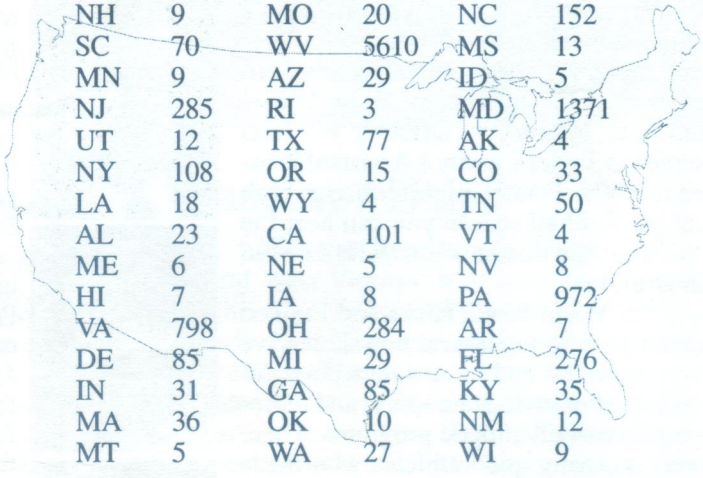
Do You Remember . . . *freshman beanies and Kangaroo Court?*

As you can see, we need your support now more than ever in order to continue. Your dues and donations are our lifeblood. As you help support the Alumni Association, we, in turn, assist the college. Potomac State was and is an important part of each of us; it is the educational institution we hold dear to our hearts.

You have read the great time we had at Homecoming last year. Well, plans are underway to make HOMECOMING '97 even better. Come and join us! Return to Potomac State this fall and recapture the memories that were part of one of the greatest periods of your life. Remember, your first college should be like your first love--you should never forget it!

"WHERE IS EVERYONE?"

You asked, so here's the answer. PSC alumni are currently residing in 48 of our nation's 50 states. Check your brain power and see if you can determine the unlucky states that do not have our presence. The list is not alphabetized for greater inconvenience. Also shown is the alumni population in each state or area.



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NH	9	MO	20	NC	152
SC	70	WV	5610	MS	13
MN	9	AZ	29	ID	5
NJ	285	RI	3	MD	1371
UT	12	TX	77	AK	4
NY	108	OR	15	CO	33
LA	18	WY	4	TN	50
AL	23	CA	101	VT	4
ME	6	NE	5	NV	8
HI	7	IA	8	PA	972
VA	798	OH	284	AR	7
DE	85	MI	29	FL	276
IN	31	GA	85	KY	35
MA	36	OK	10	NM	12
MT	5	WA	27	WI	9

District of Columbia	29	Virgin Islands	3
Puerto Rico	7	Overseas	7

Do You Remember . . . *Back Alley Bridge in the Student Union brefore class (or instead of it!)?*

WHERE'S THE BEEF?

On the Quadrangle! A special event at Homecoming this year will be a Beef Bar-B-Cue lunch sponsored by PSC's own Agriculture Department. Professor Don Starcher, coordinator of the college's agriculture program and PSC alumnus of 1970, will set up a tent for the cooking of the Blue and Gold Luncheon--picnic style--on October 11. More details will follow this summer.

Recapture the Catamount Spirit

See you at Homecoming!

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